

BOGUS CALLERS (Spring)

Spring can be the time when the real nasty criminals come out. These are the bogus callers who deliberately set out to con you. This usually starts with a call at the door by a bogus official purporting to be from the gas, water, electric or local council. It could also be someone offering bargain services – small building repairs, drives resurfaced, roof repairs, even people pretending to be Neighbourhood Watch officials selling burglar alarms. What is so odious about these people is that they tend to target old or vulnerable people who can least afford to lose their money or possessions so please do not let anyone into your home unless you are very sure who they represent.

If they say they are from the gas, water etc., ask to see their identification but look very closely, make sure they are who they say they are. Ring their local offices if you have to but do not use the number on their ID cards, look it up in the telephone directory. If you are worried, ring the police. If you live near an old person or someone who could be vulnerable, keep an eye on them. Tell them that they can send any callers to see you first so you can heck them out.

Remember, these jackals are really evil and will say and do almost anything to steal your hard earned goods. If you see any suspicious people in your area it is essential that you phone the police immediately.